

# Merry Christmas

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### Entente Allies Unanimous In Decision to Reject Peace Proposal Made by Germany

LONDON, Dec. 20.—With one voice Britain, Italy, France and Russia declined Germany's peace proposals. David Lloyd-George, lord president of the council, announced that it was with extreme satisfaction that his first official act was to turn the Germans down cold.

#### GERMANY READY TO NAME DEFINITE TERMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—On authority close to the German embassy it is learned that Ger-

many is prepared to lay before the entente Allies terms of peace which will be more or less definite. The German diplomats, however, will not at this time make any public statement concerning the details of Germany's peace terms.

#### Claims Allies Are Bluffing

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Germany regards the speeches of the statesmen of England, France, and Russia as purely a bluff to give the impression in Germany that the Allies are determined.

### YOUNG MILLINER KILLS SUITOR; THEN HERSELF

SALEM, Dec. 20.—Miss Myrtle White, aged 18, a milliner of Portland, last night shot and killed Thomas Cummings, aged 23, of this city. Miss White came to Salem to marry Cummings, who was a night clerk at a local hotel. "He did not treat me right and I killed him. Now I am going to shoot myself," was the explanation made by Miss White as she turned the revolver on herself and fired.

### UNCLE SAM STOCKING UP ON ARTILLERY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The War Department today placed a contract for five million dollars' worth of machine guns. This order is soon to be followed by another which will amount to four and a half millions.

### CANADIAN PACIFIC ESTABLISHES AGENCY IN WRANGELL

The deservedly popular Canadian Pacific has established an agency in Wrangell. F. Matheson, the merchant, is the local agent. He has a supply of tickets, and is ready to serve the travelling public.

The name Matheson has been linked with the mercantile business for so many years that some of the readers now in the States will wonder what the editor has been drinking when they start in to read the Sentinel and find a local news item referring to "F. Matheson, the popular young ticket agent of the C. P. R."

#### Moose Initiate.

There was a good attendance at the Moose Lodge Friday night. Arnt Sorset, Al Osborn and W. V. Barron were initiated into the order. Owing to the fact that the degree team did not wish to disturb the show that was in progress on the lower floor the candidates were handled very gently.

Capt. K. J. Johansen sailed south on the Rupert Tuesday. He will be absent a month or two and will visit a number of cities in the States while away.

### CAPTAIN BAUGHMAN OF THE HUMBOLDT RESCUES PARTY OF SHIPWRECKED SURVEYORS

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—A marine disaster of some kind is indicated by a wireless message received today by manager Kalish from Captain Baughman of the Humboldt, northbound, sent at 4 o'clock this morning from off Storm Island. Captain Baughman's message says, "Distress signals are coming from island or vessel near shore."

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—A second message from Capt. Baughman of the Humboldt reads:

"Rescued four men from Canadian Survey gasboat Stadia, wrecked a week ago. Had to use oil and pull them through the surf. Two men left on the island, one being sick. Left week's provisions. Very heavy sea. Am proceeding north, having been delayed twelve hours."

### NORTHLAND TRADING & PACKING COMPANY

Getting Ready for Business on Larger Scale—Will Establish General Fish Plant at Saginaw Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dahl are in Wrangell from Saginaw Bay. Mr. Dahl is in charge of the plant at Saginaw Bay of the Northland Trading and Packing Company of Tacoma.

When seen by the Sentinel reporter Mr. Dahl reported a good mild curing business during the past season. He stated further that his company is working toward a general fish plant which could be operated in one way or another almost the entire year. That the company is making definite plans for an increase in business is evidenced by the recent construction of two buildings, one 30x80 and the other 20x66 feet. The foundation has been laid for another building 30x100 feet. In addition to its fish business the company operates a general store.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahl will leave in a few days for Tacoma where Mr. Dahl will attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northland Trading and Packing Company.

Hans Heidner, president of the company, will visit Alaska early in the spring, and his visit may result in further undertakings in the vicinity of Wrangell. Mr. Heidner has varied interests. He is identified with the lumber business, and is an importer and exporter on a large scale, having connections in Japan and Europe. He is well able to finance any project in which he may become interested.

#### Galvin on the Move

J. G. Galvin, president of the Bon Alaska Mining Company, arrived from Seattle on the Spokane last Friday. Mr. Galvin went to the States to arrange for the purchase of an electric power plant. Owing to the fact that it was impossible to get early delivery of electrical apparatus Mr. Galvin changed his plans and arranged to use water power temporarily for handling a portion of the work at the mines. Mr. Galvin sailed on the Rupert Tuesday for Seattle where he will spend the holidays with his family.

Only ten days more of leap year.

Xmas gifts at Wrangell Drug store. Come and see them.

### FRENCH MAKE GREAT DRIVE ON VERDUN FRONT

Retake Trenches and Capture More Than Eleven Thousand German Soldiers

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Nivelle's troops have made one of the greatest drives on the Verdun front since the beginning of the war. The Germans were driven back three miles or more along a front extending for a distance of more than ten miles. The German losses were terrific. More than 11,000 German prisoners were taken. The French assault had been carefully planned, and the engagement was marked by a perfect co-operation of the infantry, artillery and aerial units of the French army.

#### German Raid Unsuccessful

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The raid undertaken by German troops on the Somme front north of Ochilly was without permanent success, according to the war office.

Rumanians Fleeing Into Russia  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—Many thousands of civilian Rumanians have abandoned their homes and property, and are fleeing from the Germans into Odessa, Kiev and other Russian cities.

#### Corporal Commits Suicide

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Leaving a note that he was involved in a love affair, Corporal Thomas Challer of Third Company Coast Artillery committed suicide this morning by shooting himself.

### BABIES PERISH IN BURNING HOME

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Nancy, nine months old, and Albert, twenty months old, children of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Peterson perished when their home was burned this afternoon. Mother was badly burned in rescuing a third child.

#### Dairy Changes Hands

Al Osborn on last Friday transferred the Wrangell dairy to Mr. Glenn Diemart, who has held an option on the property for the past two months. Mr. Diemart has handled cows all his life and is perfectly at home in his undertaking at Wrangell. See his ad in another column.

Fred Willson, manager for the Willson, Sylvester Mill Co., returned on the Rupert Sunday from a short business trip to Seattle and Tacoma.

### Gov. Strong Makes Plea for Enlargement of Powers of the Territorial Legislature

[From the Annual Report of the Governor of Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior]

The Alaska Legislature was created by an act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, and the first session was held in March, 1913. The legislature meets biennially and the next session will convene on the first Monday in March, 1917. The legislature is vested with limited power. In fact, the limitations are such as to make its legislative powers partake more of shadow than substance. While Congress extended to the legislature the authority "to alter, amend, modify, and repeal laws in force in Alaska," such authority naturally does not extend to the customs, internal revenue, the primary disposition of the soil, postal, or other general laws of the United States; but such purely local or Territorial matters as the game and fish, and laws relating to fur-bearing animals of the United States, applicable to Alaska, or to the laws of the United States providing for taxes on business and trade, or to the establishment and maintenance of schools, are under the exclusive control of Congress.

Further, the Territory is prohibited from creating any bonded indebtedness, and so are the municipalities; the Territory may not levy for Territorial purposes a tax in excess of 1 per cent in any one year, upon the assessed valuation of the property therein. Municipalities are limited to 2 per cent per annum. The above are some of the limitations that should be removed and the powers of the legislature extended so as to provide Alaska with "the full form of Territorial government," which was granted to every Territory by Congress, Alaska excepted.

In his message to Congress, in December, 1913, President Wilson recommended that the full form of Territorial government be so extended, but no affirmative action in this respect has been taken, although bills with that object in view have been introduced in Congress.

An enlargement of the powers of the legislature should be welcomed by Congress. If the Alaska Legislature were permitted to legislate upon all matters bearing an intimate relation to the Territory and, therefore, not general, Congress would be relieved from legislation covering matters of purely local concern. It is to be presumed, therefore, that the legislation thus enacted would be better adapted to the immediate needs of the Territory. If Alaska is to receive the full measure of progress and growth to which it is fairly entitled by reason of its commanding preeminence in the matter of great natural resources, a liberal extension of local self-government is imperative. As at present constituted, Congress and the Territorial legislature can not cooperate in a satisfactory manner, and conflicts at times will be inevitable. It is not asked that Congress waive its right to control those subjects of legislation that are national, and not local in their

scope; and arguments should not be necessary in support of the Territory's right to control all its local affairs. If the full form of Territorial government were accorded to Alaska, no doubt the legislature would make mistakes; this is to be expected of any legislative body, but the mistakes would be those of the direct representatives of the people of Alaska, and those mistakes would be remedied in time.

This statement is made in the full belief that the people of Alaska may be fully trusted with the government of themselves. It is hoped and expected that Alaska will one day become a State, or perhaps several States may be carved out of the Territory as at present constituted. But in my opinion the time for statehood has not arrived, and until such time as Alaska is ready to assume the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of statehood, there seems to me to be no valid reason why the fullest possible measure of local autonomy should not be granted to the people who are developing a great country under conditions that are far from satisfactory and sometimes well nigh intolerable. Added to the want of greater autonomy for the Territory is its bureaucratic control from and by Washington. This should be minimized as far as possible in the interests of progress, development, and more efficient government. Bureaucracy is as insistent as it is pernicious in form and practice. In its essence it is restrictive rather than constructive, and its methods, as a rule, are prohibitive of that kind of progress which is so essential to the development of a new country far removed from the seat of National Government.

#### Position of Neutrals Critical.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing today transmitted note of President Wilson to the belligerent nations. In explanation, Mr. Lansing stated that the notes were being sent because the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical, and the United States itself is being drawn near to the verge of war.

### SAM SILVERMAN STILL IN THE MINING GAME

Mr. S. I. Silverman of Seattle, is now working two mines on the west coast of Vancouver island, namely, the Jumbo, on Deer creek, and the Indian Chief on Sidney inlet, both in Clayoquot mining division. Twenty-five men are employed and between 20 or 30 tons of ore is being taken down to bunkers daily. The ore on the Indian Chief contains bornite; the property was held for years by the late Hon. Edgar Dewdney, and was at one time under option of purchase to the Tye Copper company, which did a lot of development work on it. — Alaska and Northwest Mining Journal.



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## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Material prosperity does not mean happiness, nor does physical comfort mean contentment. No normal man or woman can be happy or content in view of the misery and grief of other men and women. The gracious proclamation of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" becomes remote from the souls it should reach and inspire in view of the insanity of "the will of power," and the fiction of geographical boundaries setting the interests of mankind apart. To all who have aspirations to make its meaning potential, this Christmas season has a lesson and an inspiration, and the good wishes of "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" a significance.



## We Must Assume Whatever Risks Are Necessary to Secure Future World Peace

By Former President WILLIAM H. TAFT

THE thought of the world is turning more and more definitely to America as the hope of the world, and this may be due in no small degree to the propaganda carried on by the League to Enforce Peace. THE LEAGUE OFFERS A DEFINITE PROGRAM WHICH DOES NOT GO INTO DETAILS, BUT IS CONFINED TO THESE FUNDAMENTAL PROPOSITIONS:

A league of nations to establish an international court to try causes of disputes between nations, a council of conciliation to compose differences that cannot properly be brought before the court, conferences to formulate and codify rules of international law and the concerted use of economic pressure and military force by all the signatory powers against any member nation that begins war or even threatens to BEGIN WAR UPON ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE WITHOUT FIRST SUBMITTING ITS GRIEVANCE TO COURT OR COUNCIL AND AWAITING A DECISION.

One may reasonably question whether the United States by uniting with the other great powers to prevent the recurrence of a future world war may not risk less in assuming the obligations of a member of the league than by refusing to become such a member in view of her world-wide interests.

But even if the risk of war to the United States would be greater by entering the league than by staying out of it, does not the United States have a duty as a member of the family of nations to do its part and RUN ITS NECESSARY RISK TO MAKE LESS PROBABLE THE COMING OF SUCH ANOTHER WAR AND SUCH ANOTHER DISASTER TO THE HUMAN RACE?

## America Must Finance Rest of the World When Peace Comes

By W. W. NICHOLS, President of American Industrial Commission

ALL the belligerents are going to have all they can do after the war to cope with their own industrial problems. Do you realize what conditions in France will be with perhaps a million and a half of her best workmen dead or crippled?

The industries of Europe will be disorganized. Women who have never worked before have taken places that in many instances they will not be able to keep when peace is restored, and many women who have raised their standard of wages during the war by their own efforts will be loath to return to the old social status.

NO, THERE WILL BE A LONG PERIOD OF READJUSTMENT DURING WHICH THE NATIONS WILL NEED THE CONSTRUCTIVE FRIENDSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES.

And there is another thing that you must bear in mind. After the war the United States will virtually have to finance the rest of the world till it gets back on its feet again. NO NATION IS GOING TO BE SO FOOLISH AS TO TRY DUMPING GOODS ON THE PEOPLE UPON WHOM IT IS DEPENDENT FOR CREDIT.

## Christmas Legend

The legend of St. Boniface and the first Christmas tree has been beautifully told. The scene lives before us—the wintry night, the swelling hillock crowned with the great oak tree, the "thunder oak," sacred to the pagan god Thor; the tongues of ruddy flame, the ranks of white clad warriors, women and children facing the altar; the hoary high priest and kneeling child, the victim doomed to die by the blow of the hammer, a sacrifice to Thor, the hammerer.

Then the coming of Boniface, the blow from the hammer turned aside by the cross, the rescue of the boy, the fall of the oak beneath the mighty blows of the apostle, the story of Jesus simply told and how sin, not human life, is the sacrifice he asks.

"And here," said the apostle as his eyes fell on a young fir tree, with its top pointing toward the stars, amid the divided oak—"here is the living tree, with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship."—Parish Tidings.

### Fitness in Gifts

The ideal consideration in making a Christmas gift is fitness. What would be an ideal present for one person would be a mockery for another. It isn't the cost—it isn't even the beauty of a gift that must be first considered—it is the need and the tastes of the recipient.

### A Short Christmas

Christmas is only three hours long in the Alaska town of Point Barrow. A missionary writing from there says that last Christmas he got up at sunrise to see his Christmas presents, after which he wrote a letter to his daughter in the States. By that time the table was set with blubber, and night had fallen before he got through breakfast.

## At the CHRISTMAS WINDOW

ONCE upon a time there was a scrivener who wrote a Christmas story without mentioning shop windows, and the people rose and slew him, saying, "It has never been done."

Does the reader recognize this stirring ragged newswire? Down through the centuries he comes, the eternal poor child of Christmas, who is, by the law of the prophets, invariably happier than the rich man in his limousine. (This limousine, by the way, was once a coach and four, the rich man a red nosed baron and the child a golden haired page. His mud colored mongrel alone remains the same. He has not altered in 500 years.)

It was a week before Christmas, and we had not yet found our rich man. At last, however, just as dusk was falling, we found our man.

He was old; he was alone in the world. His hair fell in a white fringe about his ears. His face was bitter, but sad. Surprisingly as we grasped his wrist we felt his pulse. His heart was ready to melt.

"Quick!" said we, leaping into the plum colored interior of his limousine. "There's no time to lose. The boy is waiting three blocks farther along. Tell your man to hurry, please."

The old gentleman did not seem to observe our presence. We were piqued for a moment, but soon reflected that, being a young author, we were, of course, quite invisible. He spoke sharply through the tube to his chauffeur: "Get on, Simmons; get on. I can't stay here all night. And, Simmons, stop at the toy shop three blocks farther along."

The car drew up to the curb. The old gentleman, clutching a copy of Dickens in one hand and his gold headed cane in the other, descended to the sidewalk. Instinctively, as though guided by some impulse of the ages, he turned toward the Christmas shop window ablaze with a thousand tiny artificial candles.

Standing just in front of the bright window, the mud colored mongrel at his heels, was the little newswire, his hands in his pockets, his cap on the back of his head, his wistful eyes



Looking into the Christmas Window.

fixed upon that feast of plenty. For one dreadful instant we thought we saw a look of boredom, of ennui, flash across that pale pinched face, but we could not be sure.

"Humph!" said the old gentleman. "This window!"

"Yes, sir," replied the boy with a cherubic smile, "mine and Boney's." "I know," muttered the rich man. "It is Christmas. Come; I will give you anything you ask for one peep into your window. I say this in all humbleness, knowing that you are richer than I, knowing that I have nothing that you would want, but still I beg of you to name your heart's desire."

We turned to the little newswire, the eternal Christmas child. Fondly, almost tearfully, we waited for him to speak. At last he did so, glancing for inspiration at the mongrel, . . . nor did he know, wretched boy, that he had shattered the tradition of centuries.

"I'll trade y' a look in the window," said the boy bluntly, "for a five minute sit in yer automobile."

A moment later pedestrians passing that particular corner saw an old gentleman peering rather dazedly into a Christmas shop window, while in the plumed, nickel plated, electric lighted, luxuriously appointed limousine at the curb sat a little newswire with a mud colored mongrel huggled to his bosom and an overwhelming happiness in his eyes.

As for the Christmas author—but he was very young and quite invisible.—Dane Burnett in New York Evening Sun.

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## A Christmas Carol

By HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

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Pass the minstrel throngs.  
Mark! They play so sweet  
On their hantboys Christmas songs.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

In December ring  
Every day the chimes;  
Loud the glee men sing  
In the streets their merry rimes.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

Shepherds at the grange,  
Where the babe was born,  
Sing with many a change  
Christmas carols until morn.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

These good people sang  
Songs devout and sweet.  
While the rafters rang  
There they stood with freezing feet.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

Who by the fireside stands  
Stamps his feet and sings,  
But he who blows his hands  
Not so gay a carol brings.  
Let us by the fire,  
Ever higher,  
Sing them till the night expire.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

It's All Real to Bobby Boy, Who'd Like to Ride With Santa Claus.

Bobby Boy was sitting in his wee brown chair so close to the great bunch of Christmas holly that he could stretch out his fingers and touch the shiny red berries whenever he wanted to make believe that he was far away in the great forest in Santa Claus land. He had only to close his eyes and "shiver his shoulders," as if he were cold, when the warm, quiet room would vanish and he would be walking with Merry Bell in the story.

"By and by," said the sweet voice of Sister Marjorie, who was reading from the book, so she couldn't shut her eyes and make believe she was in the forest too. Bobby Boy remembered that he must tell Sister Marjorie just what it looked like when they reached home. "By and by they came to a part of the forest where there were tall trees, green and fragrant, just like the trees one sees in the markets before Christmas."

"Merry Bell clapped her hands. "Hurray!" she cried. "We're almost there! See; here are the Christmas tree woods. Pretty soon we'll find the reindeer feeding on the evergreen vines."

"They walked softly through the snow paths.

"Sh!" said Merry Bell; "don't frighten them. When they see us the Christmas reindeer will know us and come running to us to let us kiss them. That's how we know which are the good reindeer that will carry dear old Santa safely over the world on Christmas eve. Just think—if a reindeer was bad and tipped poor Santa out!"

Bobby Boy opened his eyes wide. "Ho! I wouldn't care if they did tip him out. I'd wun wight out in the snow an' help him put all the toys back, an' nen maybe he'd give me a wike."

Sister Marjorie laughed and went on

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Wednesday Eve, 7:30 P. M. interpreted service.  
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with the story which dealt with the enchanted country behind the picture books.

### Christmas Long Drawn Out.

It has become the custom to imagine that every ceremony connected with the Christmas holidays in old England was observed on the holiday itself. Nothing could be further from the real facts. It should be remembered that in England of old, and to some extent even in industrial England of today, Christmas does not refer only to the holiday itself, but to the twelve days and nights immediately following the feast of the Nativity. It would easily be discovered by anybody who took the trouble to give a few moments' thought to the subject that it would be high physically impossible to follow all the ceremonials and customs connected with the Christmas season on one day.

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## A Christmas Morning

On Which a Bride Gave  
Her Husband a Present.

By MORTON STRINGFELLOW

"I am sorry, Ella, that we are not able to celebrate this our first Christmas together," said Tom Wentworth to his bride, "but the fact nevertheless remains true."

"And why not?" asked the young wife, with surprise written on every line of her face.

"Let me tell you." He took both her hands in his and drew her down on to a seat beside him. "I have something to impart that I have kept to myself for years. You know Shuster?"

"Yes; I know the old curmudgeon."

"Well, I am indebted to him to the amount of \$1,000."

"Why, Tom! And you never told me!"

"I told you before we were married that I had barely enough income from my own profession to procure for us the necessities of life, with not a cent for pleasures. The celebration of Christmas comes under the latter head. You remember that when I finished my four years at college my father failed and I had not the wherewithal to attain my profession. Then suddenly I told you that I had obtained the means, but was pledged to tell no one whence I received it."

"Yes; I remember that."

"One day while I was lamenting my hard fate in being obliged to go into business after expecting to become a lawyer I met old Shuster on the street. Shuster, as you know, lends money at a high rate of interest. To my surprise, he offered to lend me the money required to study for my profession."

"But," I said, "you only lend money on security, and I have no security."

"I want no better security than the word of an honorable man," he replied. "I know when it is safe to lend money and when to refuse to lend."

"But you will require a high rate of interest."

"Not in this case. Six per cent will do."

"He agreed to furnish the money as I needed it and declined to take any notes for the amount loaned. I borrowed a little over three hundred a year from him for three years, earning myself as much besides. On getting my degree I insisted on giving him two notes of \$500 each, one note to be paid each year. Now, you know that my salary with Busby & Busby is \$1,500 a year. Of this amount \$500 must go to Shuster, leaving us \$1,000 on which to live; consequently for two years we have absolutely nothing for pleasures."

While the husband was speaking the wife drew closer and closer to him and when he had finished looked up into his face and said:

"I will help you all I can in the matter of giving up pleasures till the debt is paid."

This dialogue occurred previous to Tom Wentworth's departure for his office. With the last words he kissed his bride and went out. She appeared at a window, and he threw her a kiss.

Unknown to her husband, Ella Wentworth made such preparations for Christmas as she chose to make, bringing home the articles herself when she knew Tom was at the office and storing them away where he would not stumble upon them. She provided for an elaborate breakfast for Christmas morning, inviting every one of her own and her husband's families to join them on the occasion.

Tom saw Christmas approach with something of displeasure—that is, the Christmas of his own household. Holidays we do not celebrate ourselves are not only irksome, but at times unpleasant. Tom knew what he had asked of his wife in suggesting that she give up entering upon the pleasures of Christmas in order to pay, as he expressed it, "for a dead horse." He told her when he went to his office the day before the holiday that he would be obliged to spend the evening there working over the papers of a case that had been referred to him to put in order to be used at an approaching trial. His purpose was to furnish an excuse for spending Christmas eve, which they could not afford to make a joyous occasion, away from home. He expected that she would demur at this, but she made no objection whatever.

Tom came home late Christmas eve, heaving a sigh as he turned his

latchkey. Ella was waiting for him upstairs and, instead of re-echoing his sigh, received him with a smile.

"What a treasure you are, sweetheart," he said, embracing her, "to give up so much for me!"

Tom lay awake that night brooding over having to deny his young wife what he knew she so eagerly desired and awoke late the next morning. Ella had dressed and gone below. Tom arose and was completing his toilet when he heard voices downstairs. Since the pair kept no servant he was surprised. Going downstairs he was astonished to see his mother and his father and his sister, while his wife's parents were just coming in at the front door.

"Merry Christmas!" all shouted at once.

Tom looked at Ella with a half astonished, half reproachful glance, which melted into a smile under the ringing salutation.

Then came others of both families, every one bringing a package. Tom was surprised to see the breakfast table drawn out to thrice its usual length, with a card bearing a name on each plate, packages piling up on each card.

Neither Tom nor Ella made any reference during the meal to Ella's violation of her agreement as to celebrating Christmas. But Tom did not act disagreeably about it, after the first few moments entering into the spirit of Christmas with a hearty good will. Ella was unusually merry, showing no trace of fear at a scolding after the celebration was over. When breakfast was finished it was agreed that the presents should be handed to the bride's father, who would read aloud the names of the donor and receiver written on them and hand them to the latter to be opened.

And so the process began, the minor articles being first distributed. Even though the gifts are trifling there is something delightful in the expectation attending these Christmas distributions. A name was read and the package handed to the receiver, who, with a smile for the donor, opened it and, no matter how unimportant the gift, expressed unbounded delight. Half an hour was taken up before the last present came up to be delivered.

"Ella to Tom," was read out in a sonorous voice.

The package was handed to Tom amid silence, all eyes turned upon him to discover what her gift would be. He broke the string and took out two bits of rectangular paper. It gradually dawned upon him that they were the two notes for \$500 each he had made to Shuster. On their face was stamped in large red letters the word "Canceled."

Tom looked up at Ella, whose eyes were dancing with delight. For a few moments he did not seem to understand the matter or at least did not know what to do. Then he arose from his seat and, going to her, took her in his arms amid a united shout of "Merry Christmas!" from the others, who by this time had gained an inkling of the meaning of the bride's gift.

Calls for an explanation coming from all sides, it was given by the bride's father:

"About the time Tom was graduated from college and needed money for his studies for a profession Ella received a legacy of about \$1,200. She desired to give it to Tom for educational purposes, but feared he would not accept it. She went to Shuster, a money lender, and hired him to propose to furnish Tom with the required means at a moderate interest, and it was through Shuster that Ella lent Tom the money, the notes for which on this blessed Christmas morning she as his wife cancels."

All leaned forward to catch every word of this brief explanation. When it was finished every one felt moved to say something, yet no one seemed to know what to say. The silence was broken by Ella's little brother, aged six, who wildly shouted "Merry Christmas!"

The words were not so irrelevant as they seemed, since it was on the first Christmas morning that the great lesson of self sacrifice was announced to the world.

A Stubborn Soul.

"You're wasting your time arguing with Flubdub."

"He's wrong, and I'm going to convince him that he's wrong."

"Can't be done. That man once refused to acknowledge his error when he put the lighted end of a cigar into his mouth. Kept on puffing."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Puzzling.

"If I had been in today I would have been out, but as I happened to be out I was in."

"What in thunder are you talking about?"

"I'm telling you that a bill collector called at my home today, but I was not at home. Can't you understand plain English?"

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### Christmas at St. Philip's Good Basket Ball Game

St. Philip's Church was tastefully decorated this week in preparation for the Xmas celebration that begins Sunday evening, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. All will agree when they see the results of their labors, that Chas. Peters, assisted by a number of the Native boys and by members of the Native Sisterhood, never did better work. Appropriate Xmas music will be used Sunday evening and the theme will be "The Works Christian just for a day." The first Xmas communion will be celebrated at 11:30 a. m. The regular Xmas service will be Xmas morning at 10:30. The Native Choir will furnish the music. The Sunday School celebration and tree will be in the gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. The exercises will be opened by music. Marion Myers will recite a selection from Gen. Lew Wallace's First Xmas. Then will come the Native part of the program. The next feature will be the primary exercises. When Miss Grace Wigg trains children, the results are always good, and we believe the children will do better this year than ever. The exercises will close with a play by the juniors (Mrs. Johnson's class), entitled "Xmas on the Avenue and in the Alley."

This play will introduce the distribution of prizes and Xmas gifts. All are cordially invited to all the services, and to the exercises in the gymnasium. The complete program of the exercises will be published in the next issue of the paper.

Al O'Kelley, the logging man of Frosty Bay, went south on the Rupert Tuesday. Mr. O'Kelley was en route to Seattle where he will spend the holidays with his family.

The first basket ball game of the season occurred at the Rink Saturday night. There was a good attendance and the game was one of the best ever witnessed in Wrangell.

The rival teams were both picked from local players, and the contest was styled, "Longs vs. Shorts." The personnel of the two teams was as follows:

At the end of the game the score stood 20 to 17 in favor of the Longs.

The Shorts displayed superior team work and carried the ball almost at will, but were decidedly weak on basket shooting.

The Longs were weak on team work, but played an aggressive game and displayed much skill in basket shooting. For the Longs to have an opportunity to shoot generally meant a score.

It was a good clean game from start to finish without any rough stuff.

Both teams had the backing of enthusiastic rooters.

Following the game there was a dance. The music was furnished by the Wrangell Band.

### Masquerade Ball

At the meeting of the Redmen Tuesday night the lodge decided to give a New Year's Masquerade ball on the night of Monday, January 1, 1917. The mere fact that the Redmen are giving the ball is assurance enough that it will be a tremendous success. It is not too early to begin planning your costume.

### Local and Personal.

W. H. Warren is expected home today on the City of Seattle.

Try the new barber shop in the Ulher block.

William Royalty and family of Craig are in town for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leonard of Union Bay are in Wrangell today.

Xmas gifts at Wrangell Drug store. Come and see them.

Dr. W. J. Pieg is building an addition to the rear of the Wrangell hospital.

A complete line of pipes at Patenaude's.

For the shave of satisfaction go to Ed Grigwire's shop in the Ulher Block.

W. K. Spalding and Sam Olsen of Ketchikan are registered at the Wrangell hotel.

Mrs. Benjamin Willis took passage for Seattle on the Rupert yesterday.

J. A. Snow, special agent for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians, has been in Wrangell during the past week. Mr. Snow is in the service of the Department of the Interior.

M. L. Burke and his sister, Miss Clara Burke, spent Sunday in Wrangell. They were guests of the Wrangell hotel.

C. J. Leeds, foreman for the Bon Alaska Mining Company, is in town from the Groundhog Basin.

Anything in the smoking line at Patenaude's.

Ole Aase, watchman at the Santa Anna cannery, is in town today.

LOST—A key that shuts up like a knife. Return to Sentinel Office.

When you think of smoking material think of Patenaude's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gold of Lake Bay were in Wrangell the first of the week.

The Rupert was in port Tuesday morning. She had 150 passengers aboard, and the purser stated that when the vessel cleared from Rupert she would have more than 300 passengers.

For quick, reliable service—Grigwire's barber shop in the Ulher block.

Joe Kalckbrenner went south on the Rupert Tuesday. While away he will visit in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. He will be absent about six weeks or two months.

Dr. C. A. Emery, who has been confined to his home with bronchitis since his return from the West Coast, is all right again.

Ed Grigwire, the new barber in the Ulher block, is now on the job.

The newlyweds, were given a charivari last night which was the height of nocturnal annoyance.

For a clean shave try Ed Grigwire's shop in the Ulher Block. If he pleases you tell your friends.

Ole Horgheim writes from Honolulu stating that he arrived there on Thanksgiving Day.

### NOTICE

Inasmuch as Christmas comes on Monday this year the Wrangell Steam Laundry will next week collect laundry on Tuesday instead of Monday as usual. F. B. LEONARD.

### NOTICE

Stikine Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Redmen, announce a Masquerade ball to be given on the evening of Monday, January 1, 1917. Remember the date and make your plans accordingly. COMMITTEE.

### A. Bs. Have Stag Social

Probably the most successful stag party that ever occurred in Wrangell was the A. B. holiday smoker at the Redmen's hall last evening.

James M. Nolan No. 2, chairman of the entertainment committee, presided as master of ceremonies. A most entertaining program was rendered consisting of songs, recitations, athletic exhibitions, etc., etc. Almost a hundred persons were present and all enjoyed themselves hugely. During the evening a delightful repast was served.

The smoker was preceeded by a regular session of the lodge at which the following persons were initiated into the order: A. W. Guthrie of Union Bay, Arthur Meyers, and Weston Dalgity. Guthrie found the trail treacherous and slippery and almost lost his temper two or three times. Myers acted more like a dumb brute than the ordinary packer, never once opening his mouth to speak from the time he left Wrangell until he arrived at Point Barrow. At Dawson Weston was permitted to write a letter back home. It was not addressed to his parents.

### Presbyterian Christmas Services

The Services at the Presbyterian Church for the Sunday before Christmas, will begin at 7:30 in the evening. The text is in Matt. 2:11, the subject, "The Christ Child." We want to wish you a Merry Christmas at this service, and ask your presence and aid in the service.

And you will not want to miss the Christmas Program, to be rendered at the church on Monday evening beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. where you will meet your children and encourage them in their splendid undertakings.

The church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mr. Sung Lee as foreman assisted by Mr. Willis Jackson and Donald Austin and Mrs. Jim Koonen, Mrs. John Bradley, Mrs. Donald Austin and Mrs. Maud Kinninook. Their work is very artistic and pleasing to the eye.

On Monday evening the Solo, "Holy Night" will be sung by Mrs. Warren, with Mr. Warren as accompanist.

The young People's class will sing a beautiful song, as will also the Girls' class. The Boys' class will sing a song and render an inspiring tableau. The Primary Department will always perform its part in song and recitation, telling the Christmas story in simplicity and truthfulness.

Listen to the children and you will want to say away down in your hearts, "Backward, turn backward, oh Time, in your flight, "And make me a child again just for tonight."

The Uncle Dan arrived in port last evening with the following passengers: Frank E. Moore, R. P. Worthington, Joe Black, I. B. Greene, C. White, M. G. McDonald, F. H. Burns, George Jensen, Ed Tosmo, F. L. Faner, J. N. Steinbach, Harry Horn, Carl Mayer, J. Liso, L. Frosdal, S. Honedsroorts, Maxfield Datin, Frank Cox.

At Ottawa, Ontario, press dispatch announces that "the War Office has cabled from England to the Canadian minister of militia asking for fifty mining engineers from Canada to enlist for special services."—Alaska and Northwest mining Journal.

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### Alaska Has Two Christmas Days

Alaska is the only place over which the American flag floats where two Christmas days are celebrated. This applies especially to the Alaskan peninsula and adjoining islands, where many of the natives belong to the Russian church with her Julian calendar. It is only since the coming of the American public school and mission that the "American Christmas" has been introduced in those parts. According to the Julian calendar Christmas, Dec. 25, falls on the day that is Jan. 7 in the calendar elsewhere.

According to the Russian church in Alaska, Christmas begins at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the church bells announce the birth of Christ, and when the natives come out of their huts they find a bright and beautiful star of Bethlehem over the church beckoning them. The church is a small wooden building decorated with pictures of saints, lighted by candles, without seats or heat. The two sexes are ranged on the opposite sides of the room, either standing or kneeling. On this particular morning service is held from 2 until 6 and is made up of singing and reading. Although to white people it would seem a very great hardship to stand on the feet for four hours on a cold winter morning, yet the natives would consider it the worst kind of hardship should they be forced to stay away.

After the service the feasting and rejoicing begin. In the evening there takes place a very picturesque representation of the wise men following the star of

Bethlehem to where the Christ Child is. As soon as it is night the young people separate into groups. One of the group goes before, carrying a beautifully trimmed star, in which a candle burns. On entering a house the party sings hymns and carols, as it was done centuries ago.

These songs are either in the old Russian or in the Aleutian language. Many of the voices have the softness and sweetness so peculiar to Indian races, and this, combined with the charming old church music, produces a very agreeable effect. When they have sung and have been entertained the wise men proceed to the next house. This singing is kept up three nights.

There was a wedding in Detroit last week where the bride's name was Miss Ice. Some cold feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reade will leave next week for Seattle.

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